

Mr. John E. Olashuk
National Steel - Midwest Division
Highway 12
Portage, Indiana 46368

Re: Exempt Construction and Operation Status,
E 127-12049-00009

Dear Mr. Olashuk:

The application from National Steel - Midwest Division received on March 17, 2000, has been reviewed. Based on the data submitted and the provisions in Sections 1 and 2 of 326 IAC 2-1.1, it has been determined that the following strip dryers, to be located at Highway 12, Portage, Indiana, is classified as exempt from air pollution permit requirements:

Two (2) 1 MMBtu per hour natural gas-fired strip dryers.

The following conditions shall be applicable:

Pursuant to 326 IAC 5-1-2 (Opacity Limitations) except as provided in 326 IAC 5-1-3 (Temporary Alternative Opacity Limitations), the visible emissions shall meet the following:

- (a) Opacity shall not exceed an average of forty percent (40%) in any one (1) six (6) minute averaging period as determined in 326 IAC 5-1-4.
- (b) Opacity shall not exceed 60% opacity for more than a cumulative total of fifteen (15) minutes (sixty (60) readings as measured according to 40 CFR 60, Appendix A, Method 9 or fifteen (15) one (1) minute nonoverlapping integrated averages for a continuous opacity monitor) in a six (6) hour period.

This existing source has submitted their Part 70 application (T-127-7403-00009) on (December 10, 1996). The equipment being reviewed under this permit shall be incorporated in the submitted Part 70 application.

Any change or modification which may increase the potential PM emissions to five (5) tons per year or more, the potential SO₂, NO_x, and VOC emissions to ten (10) tons per year or more, or the CO emission to twenty-five (25) tons per year or more from the equipment covered in this exemption must be approved by the Office of Air Management (OAM) before such change may occur.

Sincerely,

Paul Dubenetzky, Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Air Management

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